

Available Services

Included cases involve attorney and paralegal assistance with personal legal problems on the following matters:

- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
- family law to include adoption, foster care, guardian and conservatorships, marriage, annulment, separation, divorce, child custody and visitation, family and child support, and legal name changes
- wills and estate law to include last wills and testaments, durable powers of attorney, advance medical directives, SGLI/VGLI and life insurance counseling, survivorship, inheritance, probate and estate administration, survivor benefits, and casualty counseling
- voting and voter registration
- taxes including state and federal income tax returns, personal property, real property, and estate and inheritance taxation
- real property including residential landlord-tenant issues and the purchase, rental, and sale of a principal residence
- contracts, consumer issues, indebtedness, credit, and bankruptcy
- veterans' reemployment rights
- torts
- civilian criminal matters
- military administrative matters including line of duty investigations, reports of survey, OER and NCOER appeals, relief for cause reviews, bars to reenlistment, security clearance revocations, memoranda of reprimands, Article 138 complaints, IG investigations, Article 15-6 investigations, expungement of military records, hardship discharges, compassionate reassignments, physical evaluation and medical boards, QMP eliminations, and the correction of military records

Excluded cases are outside the scope of the legal assistance program and include the following:

- military justice (UCMJ) matters
- private business activities
- lawsuits against the United States
- all employment matters except veteran reemployment issues
- contingent legal fee and prepaid legal cases
- standards of conduct cases
- victim/witness assistance program matters

Preventive law activities include:

- identifying common legal problems confronted by service members and their families and suggesting changes in regulations and laws through appropriate channels to effect those changes
- seeking support from bar associations to provide no-fee and reduced-fee services for low income military families
- identifying businesses and practices which take unfair advantage of military families and combating such practices
- assisting military housing offices and disciplinary control boards to ensure fair treatment of military families by landlords and businesses
- publishing articles in legal publications, periodicals and newspapers
- presenting classes and briefings to service members and their families regarding their rights and responsibilities.